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SUBJECT: FLORES RAPE CASE

REF: NAHA 171

1. OKINAWAN PRESS ATTENTION TO FLORES CASE WAS SOMEWHAT REDUCED APRIL
23. OKINAWA TIMES GAVE WELL PLACED AND ACCURATE REPORT OF OUR INTERVI
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YESTERDAY AFTERNOON INCLUDING US EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY, REGRET AND
INTENT TO TIGHTEN DISCIPLINE, US INTENTION TO HAND FLORES OVER TO
JAPANESE CUSTODY UNDER ARTICLE XVII, 5, C, OF SOFA, AS SOON JAPANESE

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FILE CHARGES AGAINST HIM, AND FACT THAT US AUTHORITIES ARE COOPERATIN
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FULLY WITH JAPANESE INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT. TIMES ALSO REPORTED TH
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POLICE WERE STILL DEMANDING IMMEDIATE CUSTODY OF FLORES; THAT FLORES
HAD BEEN EXAMINED AT ISHIKAWA POLICE HEADQUARTERS. FLORES REPORTEDLY
CLAIMED THAT GIRLS ACQUIESCED, BUT THIS CONFLICTS WITH EYE-WITNESS
TESTIMONY. PRESS REPORTED VARIOUS ADDITIONAL PROTESTS, VISITS BY
POLITICOS TO TOKYO, INCLUDING DEPUTY GOVERNOR ARAKAKI, WHO SAYS HE WI
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MEET TO U.S. AUTHORITIES THERE.

2. THREE MAN LAWYERS DELEGATION CALLED AT CONGEN, AND CONCENTRATED ON CUSTODY QUESTION, ALLEGING THAT BECAUSE ACT OCCURRED OFF-BASE AND FLORES WAS ARRESTED BY OFF-DUTY MARINES SOFA ARTICLE XVII, 5, C, SHOULD

NOT APPLY. WE ARGUED THAT IT DID BECAUSE FLORES IS NOW RPT NOW IN US CUSTODY. WHILE NOT CONVINCED, LAWYERS WERE AMICABLE.

3. YESTERDAYS WOMEN'S TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TOLD US GIRLS WERE RETARDED. THIS HAS NOT HIT PRESS AS YET.

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